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TO: CMAP Human Services Committee

FROM: Janelle Brown

Re: Proposed FFY 2009 JARC and New Freedom Program of Projects

On August 20, 2009 the RTA Board of Directors approved the release of the preliminary Program of Projects for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) programs for public comment. At the upcoming September 14th CMAP Human Services Committee meeting RTA staff will present the proposed FFY 2009 Program of Projects for the JARC and New Freedom programs.

A five member Selection Review Committee (SRC) made up of staff from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and the RTA evaluated the applications. The evaluation process utilized the criteria included in the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) that were developed and refined with input from this committee and the HSTP Project Advisory Committee. All applications submitted to the RTA are available for public viewing on the JARC/NF website (http://jarcnf.rtachicago.com/jarc-nf/current-projects.html).

As a result of the evaluation the following projects were recommended for the FFY 2009 Program of Projects.

Projects Proposed for JARC Funding

- Unity CDC Unity Ride to Work
- Safer Foundation Ride to Work
- Dupage County Transportation to Work
- Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Bus Services to O'Hare Cargo Facilities
- City of Naperville Community Based Transportation to Work

Projects Proposed for both JARC and New Freedom Funding

- AID Ride-In-Kane Phase 3 and 4
- Pace Regional Call Center (Phase II)

Projects Proposed for New Freedom Funding

- Washington Township Operation to Enhance Disabled, Senior, and Regular Transportation in Rural Communities
- Pace Concrete Waiting Areas at Bus Stops

Preliminary Program of Projects

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Applicant	Project Title	Description	Federal	Local	Total		
Unity Community Development Corporation	Unity Ride to Work Project	(JARC) This project will provide reverse commute van transportation primarily to low-income individuals residing in the eastern and southern portions of the City Joliet and Joliet Township. The individuals will be provided transportation to regional employers for employment related activities when transit is not a viable option. Utilizing up to five vans provided through the Pace Not-for-Profit Shuttle Vehicle Program, service will be available to cover three shifts daily at area employers. Transportation will also be made available for job training and interviews at prospective employers.	\$99,106	\$71,646	\$170,752		
Safer Foundation	Ride to Work Program	(JARC) This project will provide reverse commute employment transportation for low-income persons who have criminal records and are residing in Cook County. The daily service, to be operated by a private contractor, will cover three employment shifts. Individuals will be transported to and from five designated pick-up points in the City of Chicago to employers located in the suburbs. The designated pick-up points may all be accessed through CTA.	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000		
DuPage County	Transportation to Work Program	(JARC) The DuPage County Transportation to Work Program operates as one service element under the Ride DuPage program providing 24/7 transportation for persons with developmental disabilities who are unable to drive a car. The program affords participants increased employment opportunities by providing them access to jobs outside of their own town and beyond traditional work hours. Approximately 32,000 trips were provided through this program in 2008.	\$567,621	\$567,621	1,135,242		
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce	Bus Service to O'Hare Cargo Facilities	(JARC) Transportation service will be made available to low-income employees of air cargo employers located in the east and south cargo areas of O'Hare airport. A private transportation provider, under contract to the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, will provide service from the CTA Blue Line to and from designated stops within the cargo areas. Approximately 15,000 employees work in O'Hare's air cargo areas.	\$164,595	\$141,555	\$306,150		
City of Naperville	Community Based Transportation to Work	(JARC) This project is an element of the Ride DuPage Program that enables seniors and persons with disabilities greater opportunity to					

		TOTALS	\$5,616,888	\$3,481,653	\$9,098,541
Pace	Concrete Waiting Areas at Bus Stops	(NF) Pace will construct up to 150 concrete pads and ancillary connections to accessible paths at Pace bus stops throughout their service area. The pads would be located against a raised curb to facilitate "level boarding" from the pad to the bus's bottom stop or provide a landing area for a wheelchair lift.	\$600,000	Matched w/Toll Credits	\$600,000
Washington Township (Will County)	Operation to Enhance Disabled, Senior and Regular Transportation in Rural Communities	(NF) This project will provide funding for the continuation of the township sponsored demand responsive service for disabled residents and senior citizens. In the FFY 2008 program funding was awarded that allows for service to expand to five days a week from two days a week. The expansion to five-day service is expected to be initiated in August 2009. The current two day a week service provides approximately 1,450 trips/year.	\$24,000	\$22,500	\$46,500
Pace	Phase II Regional Call Center Project	(JARC & NF) This is the 2 nd phase of the call center project that originally received funding from the FFY 2007 New Freedom Program. Eligible low-income individuals, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities will be able to access multiple transportation programs through the call center. The call center will take reservations for demand response service and assign trips to the appropriate provider.	\$1,899,781	\$474,945	\$2,374,726
Association for Individual Development (AID)	Ride-in-Kane Phase 3 & 4	District, Village of Glen Ellyn, city of Wheaton, and Milton Township. (JARC & NF) The Ride in Kane program is in its second year of operation. This program coordinates paratransit services in Kane County into a centralized system that optimizes transportation resources for older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income individuals. Currently there are 18 private, non-profit organizations and local units of government participating in the program.	\$1,690,726	\$1,632,327	\$3,323,053
		travel to and from work. The program affords participants increased employment opportunities by providing them access to jobs outside of their own town and beyond traditional work hours. Approximately 16,500 trips were provided through this program in 2008. The seven partnering organizations include City of Naperville, Naperville Township, Lisle Township, Naperville Park	\$371,059	\$371,059	\$742,118